



## Senate

General Assembly

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**File No. 296**

Senate Bill No. 50

*Senate, March 30, 2009*

The Committee on Commerce reported through SEN. LEBEAU of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF CONNECTICUT  
AS A PLACE TO DO BUSINESS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1,
- 2 2010, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Economic and
- 3 Community Development shall submit a summary report to the
- 4 Governor and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
- 5 having cognizance of matters relating to commerce, in accordance with
- 6 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, evaluating the
- 7 competitiveness of Connecticut as a place for business. Said report
- 8 shall be no more than three pages and shall include, but not be limited
- 9 to, an evaluation of (1) how the programs and policies of state
- 10 government affect the economy and business environment, (2) the
- 11 ability of the state to retain and attract businesses, (3) the steps taken
- 12 by other states to improve the competitiveness of such states as places
- 13 for business, and (4) programs and policies the state could implement
- 14 to improve the competitiveness of the state as a place for business.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**CE**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill requires the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) to prepare and submit a summary report to the Commerce Committee evaluating the competitiveness of Connecticut as a place for doing business by January 1, 2010. This is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact.

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 50*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPETITIVENESS OF  
CONNECTICUT AS A PLACE TO DO BUSINESS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the economic and community development commissioner to annually, by January 1, evaluate Connecticut's competitiveness as a place to do business and submit a summary report on her findings to the governor and Commerce Committee. The report must be less than four pages and include an evaluation of:

1. how the state's programs and policies affect the economy and business environment,
2. the state's ability to retain and attract businesses,
3. other states' steps to improve their competitiveness, and
4. programs and policies the state could implement to improve its competitiveness.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20      Nay 0      (03/12/2009)